World Bank assistance for reconstruction of National Highways

492. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minnster of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has agreed to provide partial financial assistance for the reconstructioin of some National Highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) whether any amount has been alloacted for reconstruction and widening of National Highways passing through Maharashtra; and

(d) if so, the length of Highways being covered under scheme and the total amount earmarked for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Details of the National Highway Projects for which the World Bank has agreed to provide loan are given in the Statement.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

Sl.No	Name of Work	NH No.	Sanctioned cost (Rs. crores)
1	Construction of a new dual carriageway expressway linking the cities of Ahmedabad and Vadodara in the main Delhi-Bombay Corridor on NH. 8.	8	137.20
2	Widening to four-lanes and strengthening existing carriageway from Murthal to Karnal(km. 50—130)	1	40.16
3	Widening to 4-lanes and strengthening existing carriageway from Sirhind to Jullunder (km. 252.25—372.7)	1	67.58
4	Provision of an additional 2-lane carriageway and strenthening of existing 2-lane from km. 27/8 to 67 and strengthering from 67-160/2 on NH. 45 in Tamil Nadu	45	68.49
5	Construction of a two-lane byepass of the city Varanasi including a major bridge over the Ganga river.	2	49.92
6	Construction and service linking centres of Dankuni & Palsit in the main Calcutta-Delhi Corridor.	2	54.14

Waiting list for new telephone connections in Pune district of Maharashtra

493. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the number of applications on waiting list for new telephone connections in Pune district of Maharashtra; category-wise and steps taken to clear that list?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): Waiting list category-wise as on 31-7-1991 in Pune district of Maharashtra is as under:

OYT	3088
Special	1227
General	42610
Total:	46925

Expansion plans have been drawn for clearing the waiting list progressively by March, 1995.